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## A Primrose Bargain.

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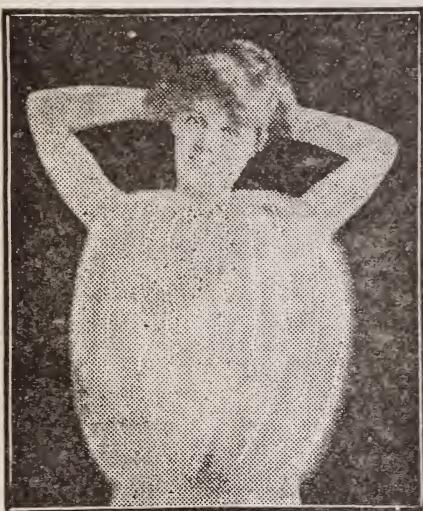
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## JULY.

Blossoms sweet of every hue,  
Gay and bright, now greet our view,  
Born of sunshine and of rain,  
Spangling hillside and the plain.  
Flowers, flowers everywhere,  
Breathing perfume sweet and rare.

Norfolk Co., Mass. Lucretia Banks Zastre.

## WINTER-BLOOMING PRIM- ROSES.

IT IS now generally conceded that the Fringed Chinese Primrose, double and single, in the many lovely colors which it embraces, is the most popular and desirable window plant for the amateur, now in cultivation. The plants grow from six to

Chinese Primrose, its flowers and clusters being almost as large and showy as those of the Chinese sorts. seedlings begin to bloom when only a few months old. The plants are of the easiest culture and sure-blooming throughout the winter.

Primula stellata pyramidalis is a variety of Chinese Primrose which grows up in tree form, branching and bearing a profusion of bloom in many colors. It is a rare and beautiful window plant.

The Buttercup Primrose (*P. floribunda*) has elegant rich yellow clusters, and is a fine winter bloomer, easy to start from seeds, easy to grow, and very free-blooming all winter. It should be better known.

Primula Sieboldii, *P. Forbesi*, *P. Auricula*,



POT OF FRINGED CHINESE PRIMROSES.

eight inches high, exhibiting throughout winter elegant, crimped and shaded, mallow-leaved and fern-leaved foliage, above which, on strong scapes, rise the umbel-like clusters of large, delicate, rich-colored blooms in many fine shades.

Primula Obconica, new large-flowered, with plain and fringed flowers, is a rival of the

and *P. farinosa* are all fine pot plants that the amateur can grow. All of these, as well as the hardy garden sorts are readily propagated from seeds. They deserve your attention.

Sow the seeds this month, in a box of sifted, well-firmed wood soil, and keep moist and shaded till the plants appear. They thrive in a rich, porous, rather sandy compost, well-drained .

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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**Catalpa.**—Seedling Catalpas usually grow rapidly, and are comparatively free from insects. If the leaves curl it is an evidence of either aphis or red spider on their under side. Examine them carefully, and if infested dip the branches in tobacco tea and soap suds as hot as the hand will bear, or syringe with the material, dashing the liquid upon the under side of the leaves. A tree that seems stunted will often be induced to throw up a vigorous shoot by cutting the top back early in spring. This is especially true of the Catalpa, and when several shoots appear remove all but the strongest one. To promote a vigorous growth of any tree, shrub or plant keep the soil well worked, and mulch liberally with fresh stable manure.

**Calla Lily.**—If your Calla has ceased to do well in a pot in the house, bed it out in the garden in summer and let it care for itself until autumn, then repot it. The tuber should not be more than two inches beneath the surface. Callas can be grown from seeds as well as from offsets, and the plants will bloom as soon as large enough. The Little Gem Calla is a miniature sort, but is not generally satisfactory. The offsets will usually become of good blooming size in three years.

**Little Gem Calla.**—When this Calla fails to bloom after repeated trials throw it away and get a Dwarf Calla. As a rule the Little Gem is not satisfactory, and its culture is discouraging.

## ASTER CULTURE.

TO GROW fine AsterS it is important to secure choice seeds, and start the plants in a hot-bed or window-box, or in a sheltered bed out-doors, as early as the climate will permit. If the plants begin to crowd in the rows thin them out, or transplant, allowing each plant two inches of space each way. Transplanting to a shallow box of good soil is rather better than to thin the seedlings, for the roots of transplanted plants branch

into many fibers, thus insuring a more vigorous growth of leaf and stem. The second transplanting, when the bed is filled, will add to their vigor and promote the development of large buds and flowers. Dwarf AsterS should be set five or six inches apart

**ASTER, IMPROVED VICTORIA.** in the bed. and tall ones ten or twelve inches apart. Early plants make their growth during the cool weather of spring and early summer, and mostly produce finer flowers than the later-grown plants. Choose a period of damp, cloudy weather for transplanting, the bed having been spaded deeply, enriched with good stable manure (fresh, fine manure from the horse-stable is preferable), and well pulverized and mixed. If the soil is rather dry, make a slight excavation where the plant is to be set and pour a half pint or more of water into it, then set the plant, pressing the earth about the roots, and drawing some dry or loose earth about the surface, to prevent baking. The bed should be in a sunny place, and if the soil is rich, deep and rather tenacious it is all the better. Keep the earth loose by hoeing after each rain. If rains are scarce water liberally. Moist soil is necessary to produce the finest blooms. When the plants begin to shoot mulch the bed with fine stable litter, and cease cultivation. By following these simple directions the finest flowers may be grown.

**Plant-louse Remedy.**—Prof. Gillette, of the Colorado Agricultural College writes:

"One of the best remedies for plant lice is the common sheep dip sold under the name of 'Black Leaf.' Dilute this with water in the proportion of one part of the dip to seventy parts of water, and you will have one of the very best spray materials for the destruction of plant lice."



**CARNATIONS.**

**C**ARNATIONS are easily propagated either from seeds, layers or cuttings. The Garden Carnations are very beautiful, hardy, easily grown, and of various rich colors. Sown in the spring the plants will be of blooming size by next spring. Taken in the house in autumn they will often bloom beautifully in the window in winter. The Florists' Carnations bloom well in the garden if



planted out in the spring. The Margaret Carnations bloom abundantly in the window if started from seeds in the spring and potted as winter approaches. Carnations must have a rich, rather tenacious soil, and a sunny exposure. Syringe them often, and keep the soil about the roots moderately moist. Treated in this way they are successfully cultivated in the window in the winter, and afford as much pleasure as anything that can be grown.

**Early Chrysanthemums.**—The early large-flowering Chrysanthemums are Polly Rose, Clementine Touset, Mrs. H. Robinson, Alice Byron, all white; Glory of the Pacific, Rosiere, pink; Monrovia, Robert Halliday, yellow; Black Hawk, crimson. There are others but the above will be found a satisfactory collection. They can be grown in the garden, and if given some protection, as a heavy mulching of ashes or stable litter late in the fall they will endure the winter safely even in the more northern states.

**Camellias in Alabama.**—A floral sister in the South has two plants of Camellia Japonica, one bearing red flowers and the other variegated ones. They do well in her garden, and she has a ready market for all the flowers they produce. She wants to know of other flowers she could raise in the same way. She should add other colors of Camellia, and start some plants of Gardenia florida or Cape Jasmine. These are popular flowers for cutting, and will be found hardy and of easy culture.

**Selaginella.**—Most of the Selaginellas like a cool, moist, shady place. The most desirable sort for the window is S. Maritima. It will grow beautifully in a north window where the direct rays of the sun do not come, and where the atmosphere is moist and cool.

**EUONYMUS.**

**T**HE variegated Euonymus Japonica has leaves blotched with golden yellow, mostly through the centre. It is a hardy shrub as far north as Pennsylvania, and makes a lovely hedge. A lady in Michigan, asking the name of this plant writes:

"Mr. Editor:—I enclose for name the leaves of a variegated, low shrub. I have always kept it in the house in the winter. It is very pretty. It seems to grow most during the winter."

The plant has leathery, evergreen leaves, and is handsome as a pot plant.

At the South it becomes a large bush, and is covered with red berries during the winter.



**Christmas Flowers.**—To have bulbous flowers at Christmas get Freesias, Roman Hyacinths and Paper White Narcissus as early in autumn as the bulbs can be procured. Pot them in good, fibrous loam, water and set the pots in a cool, dark place till the middle of November, then bring them gradually to the light. Give heat and light according to the development of the plants, remembering that to retard development you should have a cool, shady place for the plants, and to promote development a warm, sunny place. judicious management will thus enable you to have these flowers at any time they are wanted during winter, and a succession can be obtained by bringing the pots to the light at successive periods.

**Violets.**—Runners are rooted in the spring and transplanted to a rather shady border, setting them six or eight inches apart, in rows a foot apart. Here they are cultivated during summer, and in autumn, before frost, the florist lifts these plants and beds them on the greenhouse bench, where they grow and bloom during the winter months. The atmosphere is kept cool, often near the frost line at night, and the dying leaves are gathered and burned; watering over the foliage freely is avoided. If mildew appears the heating pipes of the greenhouse are painted with a mixture of sulphur and lime. Violet culture is very simple. The main thing is to avoid too much heat and keep the plants free from insect pests and mildew.

**Campanula Carpatica.**—Mrs. Rolston, of Michigan, has a semi-trailing plant that is covered in July and August with white, waxy flowers that remain open about two weeks. It is a very fine pot plant. She encloses leaves which are evidently of a trailing species of Campanula, probably *C. carpatica*.

# EDITORIAL LETTER.



Y DEAR FRIENDS:—Come with me to the garden this beautiful June morning. The sun is shining brightly, the many birds are happy in song, the air is laden with the perfume of Roses and Honeysuckles, and all Nature seems to rejoice in the surrounding beauty.

As we pass out I want you to notice the handsome specimen of Elderberry (*Sambucus Canadensis*) which stands upon the edge of the lawn near the door. It came up there voluntarily several years ago, and has been improving in form and beauty each season. It is now ten feet high and almost as many feet wide, of graceful, globular shape, and just a mass of lovely, creamy umbel-like clusters of bloom, as represented in the little engraving. These flowers will be followed very soon by the showy clusters of purplish berries, which will remain in beauty for several weeks. When fully ripe these berries are removed and used for pies, jelly, jam, etc. In making the pies use a teaspoonful of strong vinegar to each pie, and sprinkle flour around the margin before placing the upper crust, to prevent the juice from escaping. The vinegar is used to neutralize a taste of the berries that some persons dislike. In making jelly add a portion of juice pressed from green grapes or rhubarb, to make it livery. A delicious butter can also be made with Elderberry juice and sour apples. When we consider the very ornamental and hardy character of this native bush, together with its utility as a fruit, it seems strange that it is not found in general cultivation.

And now, just beyond this shrub I call your attention to a mass of carmine bloom of the dwarf Spirea, Anthony Waterer. It is used as a border plant for a clump of shrubbery

which surrounds the big Lilac, upon the lawn side. This is an everblooming Spirea, delicate, bright and beautiful. The fading clusters should be kept cut, to encourage free-blooming, and keep the bush in fine condition. The plant grows from two to three feet high, branching freely near the ground, and the outer branches hang over to the ground, thus making a bank of bloom when used as a marginal plant. After a while the new sprouts issuing will often be of a rich crimson and gold color, rivaling the beauty of the flowers. *S. callosa alba* is a white-flowered sort of the same character. The illustration on the opposite page shows a little cluster of this Spirea.

Near the Spirea you cannot but admire the clump of *Berberis Thunbergii*. How dense and graceful are the branches, and how lovely the rich green foliage. And I want to tell you that here is an ideal hedge plant. In my opinion it surpasses in beauty and utility that of any hedge-plant known. It is of such compact, spiny character that it is impenetrable by stock. In the spring it is covered with a profusion of greenish yellow, fragrant bloom, and in winter, after the leaves fall, the plant is brilliant with scarlet berries, which are said to be excellent for jelly. Their chief merit, however, aside from their decorative character, is their value as bird-food. And just here let me suggest that for nesting song sparrows this plant is unsurpassed, for they can build where cats and other enemies cannot gain access. But this *Berberis* clump suggests another idea. Do you see the showy purple bloom that covers a portion of it? That is from a stray perennial Pea (*Lathyrus latifolius*) which came up there, and every year, from early summer till frost it enlivens the *Berberis* with its great clusters of showy bloom. If anyone wished a hedge of bloom as well as foliage why not plant the *Berberis Thunbergii* and perennial Peas together. If not allowed to seed no plant will bloom more freely or continuously than this Pea, and where the combination would be desirable the two plants could be used as suggested. A merit of the *Berberis* hedge is that it needs but little pruning.



*SPIREA OPULIFOLIA*

As we enter the garden I hear words of praise for the bed of Sweet Williams, rich and varied in colors, and delightfully fragrant, and I readily assent, for these flowers deserve all the praise they receive. Many of us recall their beauty in the old homestead garden

of long ago, and the sweet blooms bring to our mind the happy associations and experiences of other days. But the flowers are now larger, and more varied and beautiful than we knew in

Elderberry Bloom.  
earlier days. This bed has been blooming for several years, but was never more attractive than at the present time. Keep the clusters picked off to prevent seed formation, and the plants will bloom more or less all the season.

Beside the Sweet Williams the tall, stately Delphiniums or Perennial Larkspurs rise in glorious array. Some are dark blue, some light blue, some violet and some white. All are beautiful. The spikes are several feet in length, stiff and erect, and they eclipse many of the more humble perennials in beds near-by. But all the Larkspurs are pretty. Over there by the big clump of Spirea *opulifolia* (which, by the way, was a mass of white flower clusters, and is now covered with the showy bronze-red seed-pods) you will

notice a bed of the annual branching Larkspur (*Delphinium Consolida flore plena*.) The seeds of those plants were sown last autumn, and the plants wintered safely and began pushing up this season. How mossy and rich and handsome is the foliage. Soon its erect wreaths of bloom will make a bright spot in the garden. The perennial Larkspurs, however, have been improving for several years. They were started from seeds, which, unfortunately,

are slow in germinating, and are often sown unsuccessfully for that reason. But the beauty and lasting quality of the plants, together with their everblooming character, prompt us to repeated efforts to get the plants started. Speaking of Larkspurs reminds me of

a specimen recently received from a flower-loving reader, together with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—I enclose a specimen of a rare Kentucky wild flower for you to name in the Magazine. It is a perennial, and is propagated from seeds as well as from shoots. Its native home was a rocky country northeast of Russellville, Ky., in Logan

county. It sends up numerous spikes of the richest purple bloom in the month of April.

Miss Alice Campbell.

Logan Co., Ky., April 17, 1908.



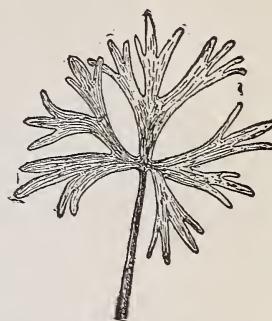
Spirea, Anthony Waterer.



Sweet William.



Delphinium tricorne.



That you may have a better idea of this specimen I have made a rough drawing of it. The name is *Delphinium tricorne*. The plant grows from one to three feet high, and has a tuberous root. It is found in western Pennsylvania to Georgia and West to Arkansas and Minnesota. Its early blooming and hardiness, as well as its beauty, should recommend it for cultivation.

Just back of the Spirea mentioned you see a stately bed of bloom—erect spikes of white, yellow and red drooping bells, spotted and blotched in a most attractive manner. That is a bed of Foxglove (*Digitalis*) in variety. The spikes are three feet high, and have been showy for many days. Truly the Foxglove is not grown as freely as its merits would warrant.

That mass of waving gold is of *Coreopsis lanceolata*. The plants start readily from seeds, which, if sown this season, will make elegant blooming plants next season. You make no mistake in starting a bed of this glowing, hardy perennial.

The similar mass of white blooms with golden centre, waving so gracefully in the breeze is of *Chrysanthemum triumph*. It is a sort of Ox-eye or Shasta Daisy; hardy, free-blooming and beautiful. These two flowers might be tastefully combined, as they grow nearly the same height and have the same general appearance, except in color. Yes, any of the shrubs or perennials I have mentioned may be grown from seeds, except Spirea Anthony Waterer, which starts readily from cuttings. Seeds of *Berberis* should be sown in autumn, and the little plants will appear next spring. The Perennials may be sown now, and the plants will generally bloom well next season.

Yours Florally,  
LaPark, Pa., June 15, '08. Geo. W. Park.



Coreopsis Lanceolata.

# CHILDREN'S LETTER.



Y DEAR CHILDREN:-

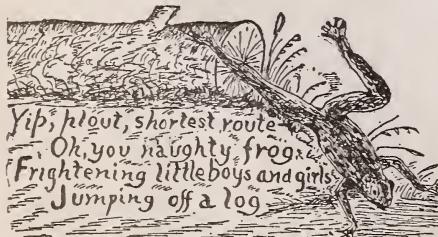
I again visited my old Valley home, during the early part of May, stopping, as usual, with my brother at the old homestead, where the happy years of my childhood

and early manhood were spent. I occupied a room upon the eastern side of the house, facing the high, rugged mountain beyond the cress pond, the flower-decked meadow, and the Conococheague creek. A sash was raised, and the fragrant mountain air entered in gentle zephyrs, giving the atmosphere of the room that delightful, refreshing condition which we all enjoy. Every evening I was lulled to sleep by the varied notes of countless numbers of frogs, which occupied the pond,



AT HOME

the meadow, and the historic Indian stream. But above that pleasing chorus, recalling earlier days, I heard the hush-sh-sh of the tall, shaggy, dying pine, on the top of which the early Meadow-lark once ushered in the break of day with his sweet songs of praise, and beneath which, with brothers and sisters we played doctor and patient, enjoyed ourselves in the big swing, and spent many happy hours. I thought, too, of the good times I had building fish dams and setting nets along the rippling stream, the frogs keeping up their continuous spring concert. Then, with happy anticipation of the morning joy of net-lifting



*Yip, plout, shortest route  
Oh, you naughty frog,  
Frightening little boys and girls  
Jumping off a log*

I would call to that dearest and truest of earthly friends:-

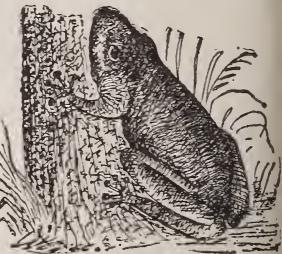
"You must wake and call me early,  
Call me early, mother dear,  
For tomorrow'll be the happiest time  
Of all the glad new year."

And then, careless and free, I would "lay



me down," and fall to sleep, listening to the frog concert, and deep, sonorous tones of the big Owl in his solitary mountain home calling dolefully to his mate "Kum-to-me, Kum-to-me, Kum, Kum, Kum!" oft-repeated, after a certain interval, as if timed by a Swiss clock. And happy dreams of the morning joy would fill my mind until the sweet voice of my mother was heard in the morning twilight. Yes, "happy hours of childish glee, hours that never more can be."

But, dear children, I want to tell you more about the frogs. You may have seen the big frogs like the one pictured "at home", that sit upon the bank, and, with a squeak, jump into the water as you approach. Some of these live along the mill race and jump every time I pass along the path. But you may not be acquainted with the little "Peep frogs" that sing in high and higher notes in the early spring. You would think they were big, if you judged by the noise they make, but they are not. Even when full grown you could put one into a large-sized thimble, and if you



Tree Frog.

were to look for him while "peeping" you would have a hard time to find him. But this little frog is the one we delight to hear in early spring, and we hail his notes as we do the notes of the first Blue-bird. Thousands sing in the damp spring meadow, when the Violets and Buttercups are in bloom, but if you pass through their haunts you can hardly see one. Their tones are all different, and seem to be uttered in answer, one to the other. Most of them call—"Peep, peep," in a rather high tone, but a little higher or lower in pitch. A very near relative, singing at the same time, with a sharp, rasping or grinding sound, is of the same size and general appearance, and equally as hard to find and capture.

Another small frog which comes in early



*Sit and eat, little frog,  
Sow-bugs, Ants and Grubs,  
If you don't they'll spoil our beds  
Flowers, Plants and Shrubs.*

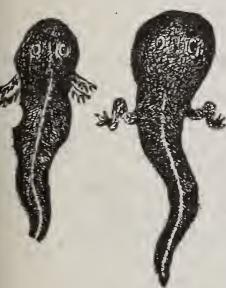
spring, but sings most of the summer is the Tree-frog. It is of various colors, and has "fingers" fitted with an elastic ball, by means of which it can hold to any smooth object by compressed air. This little fellow climbs trees, and sings freely just before a summer rain, his song being mellow, and pleasing to the ear.

A larger frog coming in early spring utters a long, doleful trill, and is quite common and easily seen and caught. When singing it is usually found in a shallow puddle of water. It is not active and suspicious of harm, as are the little "Peepers."

The Bull-frog is perhaps the best known of frogs. It becomes of large size, and has a deep, mellow voice which is heard for some distance.

Although it increases very rapidly, in many places its voice is rarely heard, because of the ill-heartedness of some boys and men, who delight in taking its life. By some it is used as food, but no frog should be destroyed, as all species live upon mosquitos, slugs and other things that are detrimental to human life and health.

The life history of a frog is curious and interesting. The eggs or spawn are deposited in water, where they hatch, first assuming the form and character of a fish, and generally known as polly-wog or tadpole. It is black, with a thick head, tapering to a long tail. It breathes through gills as a fish, and can only live in water. It has a horny beak; and it has fins by which it swims, but no feet. After a while hind legs develop, with feet showing five toes; then front legs with feet showing four toes; then the horny beak falls off, the tail disappears, and we have the frog that sings and hops, and is so useful as an insect and slug destroyer. In the greenhouse and conservatory, as well as the garden they are found the gardener's best friends, destroying troublesome pests, such as ants, slugs, sow bugs and other enemies of our plants. You



Polly-wog or Tadpole.

must keep the cat out of your garden or greenhouse, or he will serve the frogs as he does the birds. The cat seems to be a natural enemy of all insect destroyers.

The frogs cease to sing or croak after the spring and summer months, and in autumn they burrow in the earth or mud and remain dormant till the sunshine of spring.



It seems strange, but true, that there were no "Peep frogs" at La Park, or any place near by. After removing here I noticed their absence with regret, and when I returned from my old home this spring I brought with me a good collection of the "Peepers," as also a few of the large, doleful-singing frogs, and some Bull Frogs. They were all turned loose in the pond in the ravine between the big flower-gardens. For some nights they enlivened us with their queer music, which was strange in a place where these frogs had never before been heard. They were enjoyed by many besides myself, who had missed the spring concert of these little frogs, which once greeted them in their distant early home.

Just a word more. The other day, looking out of the window at our printing office, what do you suppose I saw in the shallow edge of the race? Just a water snake with a big tadpole, almost ready to assume the life of a frog. A punch on the back of the snake with a stick caused the snake to release its prey, which scrambled away, and the head of the snake was buried in the mud. Looking out a little later the printer, who prided in turn-the-tables of the snake, found, to his chagrin, that the snake had come to life, pulled his head from its hiding place, and paddled off, instead of going to future snakedom, as he supposed he had sent it.

Your friend,  
The Editor.

La Park, Pa., June 8, 1908.

**Gardenia Florida.**—This shrub is hardy at the South, and blooms freely every year. At the North it is a pot plant. The flowers are double, white, of waxy texture, about the size of a double Azalia bloom, and delightfully fragrant. The plant is shrubby, has pretty, evergreen foliage, and bears its flowers at the tips of the branches. It delights in a rich, turf, porous loam, and will endure considerable heat. Drainage must be good to keep the plant healthy, and when you wish the buds to develop give more heat and direct sunlight. Green fly, mealy bug and scale are liable to affect the plant. Fumigate with tobacco for the fly, and syringe with hot quassia-chips tea for the other pests.

**Non-blooming Rose.**—A Nebraska sister has a Mary Washington Rose that grows well but does not bloom. She wants to know what to do for it. She should cut out the dead wood, and give the plant a dressing of bone-dust and lime. If this does not promote flowering, dig it up and plant there a Rose that will bloom. It would be interesting to know the result of planting a Mary Washington from another source beside the non-blooming one.

**Oleander.**—If your Oleander fails to bloom it is because the growth is not well ripened. It should be exposed to direct sunlight throughout the growing season, which is during spring and summer.

**THE FIRST FLAG DAY.**

'Twas far in the days of the "Long Ago,"  
In the city of "Brotherly Love,"  
An old-fashioned garden bloomed brightly below,  
While the lime trees lovingly arched above,  
And many a passer-by stopped to gaze  
At this spot of Colonial days.

Only the commoner Rose was there,  
Only the common Lily tall,  
Only the blue Myosotis fair,  
Only the Hollyhock near the wall.  
But well might we wish to know the way  
They celebrated the first Flag Day.

Well might we envy the Cinnamon Rose,  
Growing tall by the window there;  
What a tale to her comrades might she disclose,  
To they that bloomed in that garden fair;  
How she watched the General in command  
View the country's flag in its maker's hand.

Methinks I hear them arguing still,  
The color scheme of our nation's flag;  
Each one had a claim, neat the window sill,  
Each one of the three at least might brag  
When they watched the new-born flag pass by  
With its tints of the garden and the sky.

"The red," speaks the Rose, "the red is mine;"  
The Lily lays claim to the white, in turn,  
While the blue Forget-me-not would pine,  
Should we its azure pattern spurn.  
Each has a right to lift a voice  
As a source for a nation's tri-colored choice.

And better than thinking of the blood of foes,  
Or that patriots dyed the crimson bars,  
The friendship of the red, red Rose  
A-bloom beneath the sentinel stars.  
May our people be pure as the Lily be,  
And from selfish forgetfulness be free.

Then unloose the eagle's talons there,  
From our glorious country's standard head;  
Give his place to another bird of the air—  
Let an humbler creature reign instead,  
That riot might die and war surcease,  
Let us lift on high the Dove of Peace.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

Detroit, Mich., May 11, 1908.

**SUMMER.**

Again we see the rustling leaves,  
Asters in balmy air,  
And flowers swaying in the breeze,  
In colors bright and fair.

The winding brook sings soft and clear  
Its mellow song all day,  
And on its banks tall Ferns appear,  
Where children love to play.

Fair Roses bright nod by the wall,  
And Lilies white and sweet,  
While 'mong the shrubs we hear the call  
Of many birds we greet.

Ah, yes, we hail each summer day,  
Its sunshine and its showers;  
We hail the brooklet's murmuring lay,  
We hail the wealth of flowers.

Miss Letha L. French.  
Penobscot Co., Me., March 16, 1908.

**TO A JACQUEMINOT ROSE.**

You beauteous thing! I'd much ado to take thee  
from thy sisters,  
Because of thy stern body-guard of thorns that  
never leave thee.  
Though I am wounded, I care not,  
I hold thee like a lovely thought,  
In wonder.

Ah, thou wert wooed in leafy June, by cool winds  
soft and tender,  
And kissed by sunbeams through the day, and at  
night by silvery moonbeams;  
Then dewdrops cooled thy lovely lips,  
Refreshing to the very tips,  
Thy petals.

Ah, thou wert rocked within thy calyx until one  
lovely morning,  
When thou didst tremble open wide—a thought of  
God perfected;  
Then from thy heart sweet fragrance crept,  
And through the summer air it swept  
Like incense.

Thy petals are so soft and cool, as to my lips I  
press them,  
That from thy heart to mine there springs a train of  
tender musings;  
And fancies, sweet as summer birds—  
Too sweet to find a voice in words—  
Thrill through me.

Erie, Pa., March 15, 1908.

Lillie Ripley.

**THE DAMASK ROSE.**

June is the month of Roses,  
And in the garden near  
I seek amid the blossoms  
For Damask Roses dear.

They were the joy of mother,  
Who loved their fragrance best;  
She wore them 'mid her tresses,  
And on her gentle breast.

When oft with her I wandered  
Beneath the silver moon,  
A Rose for me she gathered,  
The Damask Rose of June.

And now that she has left me  
For heavenly mansions clear,  
To me above all others,  
The Damask Rose is dear.

Her grave with them I garland  
And trust that she may know  
How well I love the Roses,  
Because she loved them so.

Tioga Co., N. Y., May 25, '08. Ruth Raymond.

**THE RUSTIC COTTAGE.**

A little rustic cottage stands  
Beside the babbling brook,  
And there for years the Violets bloomed  
In every shady nook.

'Twas there two lovers pledged their troth  
In days of long ago;  
While apple blooms their fragrance shed  
With Violets, sweet and low.

Then as the joyous bells rang out  
And all the world seemed fair,  
I plucked a bunch of Violet blooms  
And placed them in her hair.

But as the happy years pass on  
The tolling bells bring grief,  
And Violets grow and sweetly bloom  
To bring a fond relief.

The empty home roof now is green  
'Neath weeping Cypress trees,  
Yet, as of yore the violet blooms  
Waft sweetness on the breeze.

Olcott, N. Y.

Leslie Clare.



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Achania Malvaviscus  
Achillea Pearl  
Purmica, Filipendula  
Achimenes mixed  
Achyranthus, New Carmine  
Agrostemma, white, scarlet  
Albizia julibrissin  
Astroemeria aurantiaca  
Alternanthera, red, yellow  
Brilliantissima  
Paronychoides major  
Alyssum Saxatile  
Amomum Cardamomum  
Anthemis Chamomile  
Aquilegia in variety  
Arabis Alpina  
Aralia Racem. (Spikenard)  
Arum Italicum black Calla  
Asclepias incarnata  
Asparagus Sprengeri  
Plumosus nanus  
Plumosus robustus  
Begonia, Tuberous in var.  
Begonia, Rex, in variety  
Begonia Feasti Cork Screw  
Begonia, fibrous-rooted,  
see list of last month.  
Bergamot Scarlet  
Blackberry Lily  
Bougainvillea Sandera  
Boston Smilax  
Carnation, Malmaison mxd  
Margaret in sorts  
Winter-blooming mixed  
Queen Louise, white  
Harry Fenn, red  
Enchantress, pink  
Bryophyllum calycinum  
Cactus, Queen of Night  
Opuntia variegata  
Campanula, white  
Fragilis  
Carpathica, blue  
Campylobotrys regia  
Canna, robusta  
Cordyline Indivisa  
Carex Japonica  
Carnation Grenadin, white  
Cassia Marilandica  
Cestrum laurifolium  
Poeticus  
Chlidanthus fragrans  
Chrysanthemum, Miss Clay  
Frick, white  
Polly Rose, white  
Alice Byron, white  
Ivory, white  
Jeanne Nonin, white  
Mrs. H. H. Weeks, white  
Timothy Eaton, white  
Col. Appleton, yellow  
Major Bonnafont, yellow  
Cremo, yellow  
Robert Halliday, yellow  
Mary Mann, pink  
Dr. Enguehard, pink  
Rosiere, pink  
Chrysanthemum Frutescens  
Cineraria  
Maritima Diamond.  
Coreopsis grandiflora  
Crassula cordata  
Cuphea platycentra  
Coleus, Ornatus  
Fancy in variety  
Golden Bedder  
Verschaffeltii  
Fire Brand

Coleus Booker Washington, a dark-colored variety	Ligustrum, Amoer River	Thunbergia grandiflora, Thalictrum adiantifolium
Cyclamen in sorts.	Lilium Takesima	Tradescantia Zebrina
Daisy, Double, delicate	Tigrinum single	Tricyrtis Hirta
Snowball, white	Double	Tritoma carolina
Longfellow, red	Umbellatum	Trollius, Thomas Ware
Daisy, Ox-eye, Shasta	Lily of the Valley	Tropaeolum tuberosa
California	Fortin's Giant	Veronica Longiflora
Alaska	Linum Perenne, blue	Imperialis
Delphinium, perennial	Lopelia rosea	Prostrata
Dianthus Semper, yellow	Lychinis Lagascae	Vinca, Hardy
Dieldytra spectabilis	Lysimachia, Moneywort	Rosea and Rosea Alba
Digitalis, Foxglove	Mackaya Bella	Viola, in sorts
Doronicum Caucasicum	Malva Moschata	Weigelia floribunda
Eranthemum Pulchellum	Manettia bicolor	Variegata
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Erythrina Crista Galli	Monarda Didyma	<b>Hardy Shrubs.</b>
Eucalyptus citriodora	Nicotiana Sylvestris, Affinis	Abelia rupestris, hardy
Eucomis punctata	Sanderæ	Althea in variety
Eupatorium riparium	Oxalis, Bowii	Amorpha fruticosa
Riparium variegatum	Arborea coccinea	Aralia petaphylla
Euphorbia splendens	Alba	Baccharis halimifolia
Ferns, Tender in variety	Oenothera Frazerii	Benzoin odoriferum
Hardy in variety	Otahente Orange	Berberis
Funkia subcordata grandifl.	Paeonies Chinese, in variety	Vulgaris
Ovata and Undulata var.	Palm, Phoenix Canariensis	Thunbergii
Fernaria yellow	Pansy in variety	Buddleya Variabilis
Red, also White	Pardanthus Chinensis	Cotoneaster angustifolia
Ficus repens	Parsley, triple-curled	Callicarpa purpurea
Gaillardia grandiflora	Passiflora edulis	Calycanthus Floridus
Fuchsia, single:	Pea, Perennial rose, pink,	Cydonia Japonica
Black Prince, single	red, white, scarlet	Cytisus Laburnum
Silver King, single	Phalaris, ribbon grass	Deutzia crenata f. pl.
Mrs. Chas. Blanc	Physicalis Franchetii	Elder, cut leaf
Speciosa	Pinks in variety	Euonymus Americana
Double:	Pink, Essex Witch	Exochorda grandiflora
Monarch, double	Pilea Muscosa	Forsythia viridissima.
Gloire des Marches	Pittosporum Tobira	Suspensa (Sieboldii)
Rosa Patrie	Platycodon, white, white	Hamamelis Virginiana
E. G. Hill	Polygonum cuspidatum	Hydrangea Paniculata
Genista Canariensis	Primula Multiflorum	Kerria Japonica f. pl.
Geranium, single-flwring:	Primula Mallow Leaf	Koelreuteria paniculata
White, scarlet, crimson,	Prunella, Veris Duplex	Ligustrum Ibotum, Privet
salmon	Acaulis	California Privet
Pink, named	Chinese Fern Leaf	Photinia Villosa
Geranium, double-flwring:	Fringed	Philadelphus Mock Orange
named to color	Obconica	Grandiflorus, large-flwd
Geranium, Prætensis	Verticillata	Spirea Anthony Waterer,
Gentiana Andrewsii	Pyrethrum, mixed	Reevesi, Van Houtte,
Goodyear pubescens	Phlox, Boule de Feu, Iris,	Prunifolia
Grevillea Robusta	Jeanne de Arc, Boule	Spartium Juncum
Guava, fine fruit for pots.	de Niegé, Adonis.	Styrax Japonica
Helianthus Maximilliana	Rhynchospermum Jasmin.	Symphoricarpos vulgaris
Helianthus tuberosum	Rudbeckia, Golden Glow	Racemosa
Multiflorus fl. pl.	Newmanii, Purpurea	<b>Hardy Shrubby Vines.</b>
Heliotrope	Rivinia Humilis	Ampelopsis quinquefolia
Heucherella flava	Rocket, Sweet	Veitchi
Middendorfiana	Ruellia Makoyana	Cissus heterophylla
Sieboldii	Formosa	Clematis paniculata
Thunbergii	Russellia elegantissima	Ivy English, green
Heuchera Sanguinea	Salvia Praetensis	Abbotsford
Heterocentron album	Rutilans	Rhus Cotinus Smoke tree
Hibiscus, pink, crimson eye	Sclarea	Roses, climbing hardy
White, crimson eye	Fatens	Seven Sisters
Hollyhock, double, in sorts	Coccinea splendens	Mary Washington
Honeysuckle, Halls	Splend's n Alfred Reginau	Wistaria Magnifica, beau-
Reticulata	Robusta	tiful hardy vine.
Hop, common	Sage, English	<b>Hardy Trees.</b>
Hoya Carnosa	Sansevieria Zeylanica	American Linden
Impatiens sultani	Saxifraga peltata	Catalpa Kæmperi
Holsti	Sarmentosa	Cornus florida, Dogwood
Inula, (Elecampane)	Cymbalaria	Cork Elm
Iris in variety	Sedum, Acre	Cercis Canadensis, Red-
English variegated	Selaginella maritima	bud
Ivy, Irish or parlor	Silene Fortunei	Eucalyptus Globosa
Kenilworth	Solanum Rantonetti	Ginkgo trioba
Jasminum gracillimum	Grandiflorum	Mulberry, Russian
Nudiflorum	Spirea, Filipendula	Magnolia acuminata,
Revolutum	Gladstone	Sugar Maple
Jerusalem Cherry.	Palmata elegans	Scarlet Maple
Justicia sanguinea	Venusta	Sycamore (American)
Velutina	Strawberry, in sorts	Tulip Poplar
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## TO GET RID OF ENGLISH SPARROWS.

I agree with the writer in the April number of Floral Magazine, that the English Sparrow is a nuisance. It is one of the greatest enemies of our song birds, which are becoming very scarce. It was not according to God's plan that we have the English Sparrow to contend with. It was man that brought it here, and like the rabbits in Australia, it has proved a nuisance.

But if every one would do their part we might get rid of English Sparrows. The secret is to get rid of their nests, and in a few years there would be no sparrows. They scarcely ever build a nest where it cannot be destroyed before they hatch. I am surprised at any farmer or gardener who will allow an English Sparrow to hatch near his place. Is it ignorance, or what is it, that will cause a farmer to keep a flock of English Sparrows around his barn all winter, and feed them, then allow them to hatch in the summer, to continue the nuisance, and to make matters worse, keep a lot of blood-thirsty cats to eat up the young song-birds as soon as they get out of the nest. The English Sparrows and Cats are the song-birds worst enemies. They should be destroyed.

W. L. Chamberlain.  
East Liverpool, O., May 4, 1908.

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Morgan Co., Ala., Jan. 8, 1908.

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Mrs. J. C. Brush.  
Steuben Co., N. Y., May 5, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 70 years old, and cannot do much in the garden, but I don't like to give up your Magazine, because it is so useful as a work of reference.

Last year I bought a large Elephant's Ear, and I never saw anything grow as it did. The leaves were 32 inches long. It was highly praised. I kept it in dry earth the first winter, and it kept safely; but the past winter, although kept in the same way, it rotted. It had four young bulbs attached to it. I shall get another one.

Kate E. Clark.

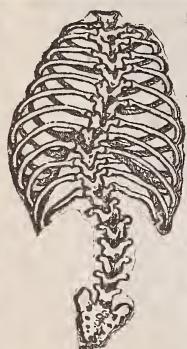
Ridgewood, N. J., Mar. 18, 1908.

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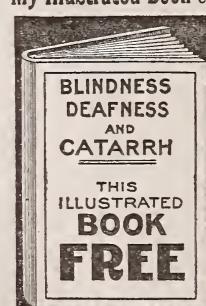
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